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**Via Electronic Filing**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: In re: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy  
Progress, LLC  
**Docket Number 2019-1-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (collectively, "Conservation Groups") submit this letter in lieu of testimony or comments in the above-referenced matter.

Over the past several years, Conservation Groups have submitted expert testimony or comments on Duke Energy Progress's ("DEP") annual update to its value of distributed generation calculations filed in the annual fuel cost proceeding. The Conservation Groups continue to encourage further progress in filling out the value of net metered distributed generation methodology as approved in Commission Order 2015-194. However, with the recent passage of the Energy Freedom Act, H.3659, Conservation Groups recognize that avoided cost and net energy metering valuation proceedings will be held over the next year and will directly impact the annual update calculations in the fuel cost proceedings.

In the interest of judicial economy and preservation of resources, Conservation Groups are not submitting testimony on these issues in DEP's current fuel cost proceeding. But the Conservation Groups look forward to weighing in on the valuation updates in future proceedings.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

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